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Rio Hondo College Academic Senate
Minutes
April, 16, 2013
Board Room
1:00 P.M.

Present: Jon Whitford, Vann Priest, Fran Cummings, Shelly Spencer, Greg Miller, Gisela Spieler-Persad, Juan R. Fernandez, Mariano Zaro, Beverly Reilly, Steve Koelle, Marie Eckstrom, Thomas Callinan, Ralph Velazquez, Jim Matthys, Kathy Lopez, Kathrin Brandt, Kathy Pudelko, Joaquin Duran, Mike Javanmard, Brian Brutlag, Adam Wetsman, Sergio Guzman, Dianne Holcomb, Dianna Reyes, Katie O’Brien, Ron Reeder, Steve Moshier, Chris Acuna-Hansen, Robin Babou, Colin Young.

Guests: Judy G Pearson, Henry Gee, Sondra Moe, Elizabeth Coria, Song Le Graham, Lydia Gonzalez

Call to Order
Quorum reached and the meeting was called to order by President Adam Wetsman at 1:03 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes
The Minutes for April 2nd, 2013; Approved with corrections to attendance.

II. President’s Report
• Election of Senate Executive President Wetsman turned the floor over to Colin Young and Beverly Reilly. Ballots were distributed. The ballots included the following names:
  o President - Adam Wetsman
  o First Vice-President – John Frala Vann Priest
  o Second Vice-President – Vann Priest
  o Secretary - Robert Bethel
  o Parliamentarian - Brian Brutlag
  o ASCCC Representative - Steve Koele, Dianna Reyes and ??????

• President Wetsman announced that the last senate meeting will be on May 7th, 2013.

• Equivalency President Wetsman announce that the senate exec has proposed to go through the equivalencies in a systematic manner and update them.
  • One senator pointed out that equivalencies should be by discipline (classes)
  • Wetsman expressed the desire of the exec to go step by step since Administration resists every proposal by the Academic Senate.

• Presidential Hiring The process ran well and the committee forwarded 4 to 6 candidates forward as outlined in BP?AP???
• **Governance** Had meeting but the document has been watered down to all mutually agreed.

• **Accreditation Update**
  - President Wetsman updated the Senate on the progress that has been made in accreditation.

III. **New Business**

- **ASCCC Plenary Teaching Discipline:** Sondra Moe Spoke about this proposal and explained the reasoning for the opposition of Child Development Faculty at Rio Hondo.
  - **Motion to oppose this (from the exec?)** Motion Passed Unanimously

- The results of the election were announced at 1:26 PM by Colin Young. The executive committee for next year will be the following:
  - President - Adam Wetsman
  - First Vice-President – John Frala Vann Priest
  - Second Vice-President – Vann Priest
  - Secretary - Robert Bethel
  - Parliamentarian - Brian Brutlag
  - ASCCC Representative - Dianna Reyes

- New guests Henry Gee, Judy Pearson, and Elizabeth Coria arrived at 1:28 pm. They presented the reasoning for the Drop Withdrawal deadline. President Wetsman broke down the issue into two discrete questions of the Drop Deadline and 2 the Withdrawal deadline.

- On the issue of the Drop Deadline Judy Pearson spoke, followed by Adam Wetsman.

- President Wetsman made a motion to support the 20% of term for the drop deadline.
  - **Motion Passed Unanimously**

- The Financial Aid Director Elizabeth Coria, explained the reasoning behind their proposal to move up the withdrawal deadline from 75% to 60%.

- Dr. Wetsman made a motion to move up the Withdrawal Deadline to 60%.
  - Discussion ensued
  - **Motion passed with 5 No and 2 Abstentions**

- Dr. Wetsman Complimented the Vice President of Student Services, Admision and Records Director, and the Financial Aid Director for upholding the spirit of the SHARED GOVERNANCE as envisioned in AB 1725.

**Committee Reports**

- SLO: None.
- Academic Rank: None
- Bookstore: None
- Curriculum: April 29 is the Deadline for Spring 2014
- Professional Development/FLEX: None
- IEC: Study Resource Allocation software for staffing in May.
- ITC: None
• MIS/Enterprise: None
• Safety: None
• Program Review: None

VI: **Announcements**: None
VII: **Public Comment**: None
VIII: **Adjournment**
• The meeting was adjourned by President Wetsman at 2:26 p.m